Town of Winterville

Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes TUESDAY, March 24th at 6:30PM

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m. Introduction:

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Members Present: CJ Wanczyk Anthony Yocum, Randy Bowers, Bill Richbourg & Katrina Jones, Rashana Carmon, and Lindsay Price

Members Absent: John Powell, Johnny Fleming.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by CJ, 2nd by Anthony, all in favor. Minutes passed.

Citizen Input: None at this time

I. Old Business

- A recap from the previous meeting: Staff requested suggestions for the ceremonial first pitch at the upcoming Baseball Opening Ceremony. It was decided that Chief Williams, the Public Servant of the Year who is retiring at the end of the month, will be invited.
- Movies & Concerts in the Park Series:
    - The Movies in the Park series will begin in June.
    - July's sponsor, a local realtor group, requested a housing-themed movie and suggested *Up*, scheduled for July 17.
    - August programming will be skipped due to the Watermelon Festival.
    - The series will resume in September with *Zootopia 2* on September 11.
    - For October (Fall Baseball season), staff proposed a baseball-themed movie. Since *Everyone's a Hero* was not available through Swank, the Board agreed on *Field of Dreams*, a classic favorite, scheduled for October 23.
    - It was clarified that there will be no Recreation Advisory Board-hosted movie in June, as the Human Relations Board will host *The Princess and the Frog* on June 19.
- Concert in the Park Series:
    - The concert schedule will align with the movie series:
        - June 5 – Main Event
        - July 31 – Chocolate Chip & Company
        - August – No event
        - September 18 – Spare Change

    - October 16 – Cooper Greer
  - All movies and concerts will be held at the amphitheater at Winterville Recreation Park.

- Official All-Star Vote:
  No questions or comment.

II.New Business

- Special Events
- The Easter Eggstravaganza was held this past Saturday with a new layout. The sensory area was relocated to right field of Smith Field, and the non-sensory area to left field of Kiwanis Field. The areas remained close but provided adequate space for individuals with sensory needs.
- Staff shared event details with Aces for Autism and encourage participation. Continued feedback is welcomed as staff work toward greater inclusivity.
- Upcoming events include Opening Day, Movies and Concerts in the Park, and the Summer Bash. Summer Bash will be held on June 13th. Partnership with the Winterville Police and Fire Department. Activities include water slides, food prepared by the police department and one of the fire trucks is on displayed and will spray water. Anyone interested please let us know. We appreciated Lindsay for volunteering with the raffle last year the event.
- Collaboration with the Human Relations Board for the June movie was discussed. An HRB representative will provide updates following their Thursday meeting at the next RAB meeting

III. Recreation Programs & Maintenance Updates

- Golden Age Seniors Program:
  - Recent potluck held two weeks ago
  - Upcoming Bingo event scheduled for this Thursday
  - April activities include a trip to Yoder's on April 9 (participants must RSVP unless meeting onsite; van departs Winterville Recreation Park at 8:30 AM)
  - Additional Bingo scheduled for April 23
  - Program is open to individuals ages 55+
  - Currently promoted through the newsletter; staff will work to improve online visibility, including updating the Parks & Recreation webpage and exploring social media and email distribution options
- Park Maintenance:
  - Staff are actively preparing fields for the upcoming season
  - Scheduling adjustments were made due to spring break, with games beginning this week
- Facility Use:
  - A.G. Cox Softball temporarily used Smith Field due to maintenance issues
- Youth Baseball Programs:
  - Tee Ball and Pee Wee registration has closed; waitlists are in place
  - Enrollment: 112 Tee Ball participants and 88 Pee Wee participants
  - Teams: 10 Tee Ball teams and 8 Pee Wee teams
  - Coaches meeting was held via Zoom
  - Practices begin the week of April 6 at A.G. Cox, Smith, Ruritan, and Hillcrest fields
- Girls Flag Football Clinic:

    - Held March 21–22 from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
    - Conducted in partnership with the South Central High School Girls Flag Football Coach
    - Ten participants attended; considered a successful first event
    - Plans underway for a summer clinic
- Baseball games have begun, with a full schedule starting Saturday at 10:00 AM.

IV. Future Agenda Items

- A Board member inquired about the status of the mural project presented by Kat Dale, Safe Routes to School Coordinator. Staff will follow up for an update.

Baseball Opening Day Ceremony: March 28

- The Recreation Advisory Board will be recognized as a group
- Members wishing to be recognized should arrive by 8:45 AM
- Entry will be through the right field gate at McLawhorn Field

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

## Next Meeting

- April 28 at 6:30 PM